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Honecker Forced Back To Berlin From Exile

Ex-Communist Leader Faces Trial in Deaths of East Germans at Wall

BERLIN — Erich Honecker was flown to Berlin on Wednesday, ending a 17-month struggle over the former East German leader's return to Germany to face trial in the deaths of people trying to escape the Communist nation...



IN DEEP WATER — President Saddam Hussein of Iraq taking a swim Wednesday with his bodyguards in the warm and muddy water of the Tigris. He later went racing down the river in a speedboat, waving at people on the shore. He was commemorating the day in 1959 when he swam the Tigris with a leg wound after he had tried to assassinate President Abdul-Karim Qassem. Page 4.

UN Search in Baghdad Yields No Clues

BAGHDAD — United Nations inspectors concluded their search of the Ministry of Agriculture on Wednesday, without finding any incriminating materials on President Saddam Hussein's programs for weapons of mass destruction...

Vatican Opens Talks With Israel on Ties

Church Ends Years of Ambivalence, Status of Jerusalem Isn't on Agenda

ROME — After 44 years of ambiguous and often strained relations, the Vatican and Israel announced Wednesday the formation of a joint body to negotiate full diplomatic ties, reversing the Roman Catholic world's long-standing reluctance to fully embrace the Jewish state...

In Foreign Policy Debate, Clinton Comes Out Firing

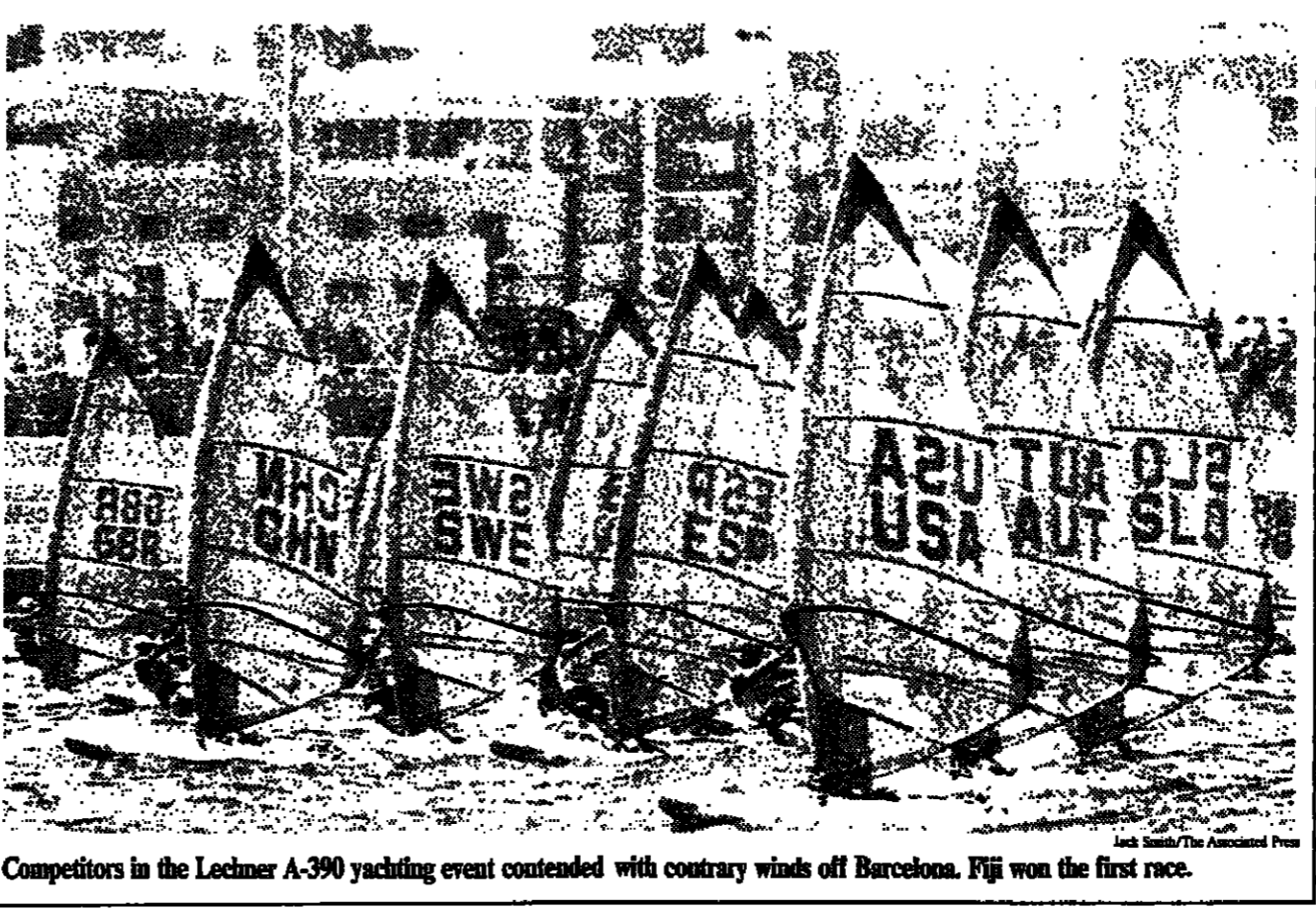
WASHINGTON — For Governor Bill Clinton, the tussle this week with President George Bush and the White House over the crisis in the former Yugoslavian republics represents a major test of his capacity to frame and articulate foreign policy...



Mr. Honecker giving a Communist salute Wednesday as he left the Chilean Embassy.

OLYMPIC PODIUM

Olympic Basketball United States 111, Germany 68 2 World Records Mike Barrowman of the United States set a swimming world record in the 200-meter breaststroke on Wednesday...



Competitors in the Lechner A-390 yachting event contended with contrary winds off Barcelona. Fiji won the first race.

Indictments Name Clifford In BCCI Case

WASHINGTON — Clark M. Clifford, a former defense secretary, pillar of the Democratic Party establishment and an adviser to presidents going back to Harry S. Truman, was indicted along with a law partner Wednesday in the BCCI scandal...

Kiosk Falling Interest Rates Spur Stocks Wall Street stocks soared for the second straight day, with a boost from falling interest rates in the bond market and surprising strong earnings reports from several big companies.

Ex-East Germans Learn West's Big Secrets, Like Deodorant Untold millions have been spent retraining the people of Eastern Germany and Eastern Europe in the ways of the West. Businesses have built huge academies to retrain production-line workers and give managers a grounding in Western computers, accounting methods and strategy of planning.





ART BUCHWALD

Hypothetical Discussion

WASHINGTON — "Did you hear the news?" Quincy said when he found me in Mad Martha's Joe Cream Parlor. "Quayle's daughter is going to have a baby."



Buchwald

kept insisting that the only solution he would accept for his daughter was that she have the baby. "But if she had the baby, wouldn't she turn into another Murphy Brown?"

Watercolors Withdrawn

MELBOURNE — Christie's withdrew nine bird paintings from a sale of the jailed tycoon Alan Bond's art collection after doubts over their authenticity, a spokeswoman said Wednesday.

The Weather According to Joe Zawinul

By Mike Zwerin

PARIS — In these days of under-whelming leadership and under-achieving creativity, Josef Zawinul is an egoist who has a lot to be egotistical about. "Even when I'm full of it, man, I'm always sincere," he brags in up-tempo scatological (he didn't say "it") Vienna-cum-Brooklyn hipster syntax. He has a lot to brag about.



Zawinul on PePe, his breath-controlled electronic keyboard instrument.

ative dead end of the trend they helped create. A cocky bunch, they were the best and saw no point in false modesty ("You're an idiot," Zawinul told a reviewer who gave one of their records only one star).

PEOPLE

Ice-T, Bowing to Critics, Drops 'Cop Killer' Song

After months of stormy protests over his "Cop Killer" song, the rapper Ice-T and record producer Time Warner Inc. have agreed to stop selling the song. The company said it would recall copies of the album "Body Count," and replace them with one without the song.

Vertical sidebar containing various small advertisements and notices, including 'Serbian', 'Machine', and 'OLYMP'.

Large advertisement for AT&T USA Direct Service, featuring a globe and the text 'The AT&T Traveler's Guide'.

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CITY FILES section providing travel information for Amsterdam and Barcelona, including city codes, medical assistance, and local chamber of commerce details.

CALENDAR

- July 25-Aug. 9: Olympic Games. Tel. 490 19 92
Aug. 25-26: MODAM, international professional fashion show, RAJ-Exhibition and Congress Center. Tel. 549 1212